Requirements under §1.121(1)(ii)

Marked up version to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the Specification, Claims 1, 5, 8-10 and new Claims 11-20.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3 of the specification, please delete paragraph 2 at line 5 and replace with the following new paragraph:

FIGS. 1 and 2, illustrate an access opening closure device, shown generally as 10. Briefly, closure device 10 includes a housing 12, an access door 14 and a top cover 16. Housing 12 has a bottom wall 18, a pair of side walls 20 and 22 and a front wall 24 which defines a receptacle 25 for receiving food, medication or the like. A plurality of drain holes [29] 18' (FIG. 2) are formed through the bottom wall 18 to allow fluid to drain therefrom. Side walls 20 and 22 have a height that increases from front end 26 to rear end 28 of housing 12. Alternately, the side walls can be rectangular. In extreme cases, when a prisoner or patient must be subdued before the guard enters the cell, the reduced height of front end 26 compared to rear end 28 of housing 12 enables the guard to spray a subduing agent, such as pepper spray or mace, directly into the cell. Preferably, housing 12 is constructed from stainless steel, although other materials having the requisite strength requirements can also be used.

On page 5, please delete paragraph 3 at line 9 and replace with the following new paragraph:

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A lock 66 is also provided on top cover 16. Lock 66 includes a spring biased projection 68 which is receivable in a catch [20] 70 to lock top cover 16 in the closed position. Catch 70 can be secured to top bracket 30. Alternately, catch 70 can be secured to other support structures, such as door 35.

On page 6, please delete paragraph 2 at line 5 and replace with the following new paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 5, a slot 62 is formed in side bracket 32 adjacent the concavity formed in bottom bracket 34. Slot 62 allows any debris positioned on the guide track in concavity [35] 33, when access door 14 is opened, to be pushed from the end of the guide track. Thus, access door 14 will not be prevented from closing by placing debris on the guide track.

On page 6, please delete paragraph 3 at line 10 and replace with the following new paragraph:

FIG. 6 illustrates an alternate embodiment of the access opening closure device shown generally at 100. Closure device 100 is substantially identical to closure device 10 except that top cover [116] 115 is slidable between open and closed positions along a track 113 formed about the top of housing 112.

On page 6, please delete paragraph 4 at line 14 and replace with the following new paragraph:

FIG. 7 illustrates a partial cutaway, cross-sectional view of an alternate embodiment of access door 14 and lock 44. [(Note the five photographs attached hereto.)] In the alternate embodiment, access door 14' has a top edge 37' having a plurality of teeth 39'. Adjacent teeth define recesses 50'. Lock 44' includes a housing

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[100] 130, a lever 102 pivotably secured to housing [100] 130 by a pivot pin 104, a reciprocal engagement member 106, a tubular inner housing 108 and a biasing member 110. Tubular inner housing 108 is threadably received within a threaded bore [112] 122 formed in top bracket 30'. Engagement member 106 includes an annular flange 114 and a tooth engaging distal end 116. Biasing member 110 is positioned between flange 114 and the upper end of inner housing 108 and functions to urge distal end 116 of engagement member 106 into engagement with teeth 39' of access door 14'. Lever 102 is manually pivotable in the direction indicated arrow "A" in Fig. 7 to lift engagement member 106 from engagement with access door 14'. Each tooth 39' includes a vertical surface 132 and a sloped surface 134. Engagement between vertical surface 132 and distal end 116 of member 106 prevents movement of access door 14' in the direction indicated by arrow "B" in FIG. 7. Engagement between sloped surface 134 and distal end 116 of member 106 urges member 106 upwardly against the bias of biasing member 110 to permit movement of access door 14' in the direction indicated by arrow "C" in FIG. 7. Teeth 39' and lock 44' prevent access door 14' from being repeatedly slammed between open and closed positions. Housing [100] 130 of lock 44' can be secured to top bracket 30' using screws 120. Alternately, other attachment devices may be used to secure housing [100] 130 to bracket 30', e.g., brazing, welding, etc.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 8-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) An access opening closure device comprising:

a housing defining a receptacle and being adapted to be mounted adjacent an access opening in a support structure;

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a top cover movably supported on the housing, the top cover being movable from a first position covering a top opening of the housing to a second position uncovering the top opening of the housing;

an access door movably supported on the housing, the access door being movable from a first position uncovering a rear opening of the housing to a second position covering the rear opening of the housing, the access door having a plurality of recesses formed along a surface of the door; and

an engagement member supported on the access opening closure device, the engagement member being movable into engagement with the plurality of recesses to selectively lock the access door at a plurality of different positions [between the first and second positions].

5. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 4, wherein the side bracket has a slot formed therein adjacent one end of the guide track, the slot being positioned to permit removal of debris positioned on the guide track when the access door is moved from the open position to the closed position.

8. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 1, further including a first lock, the first lock being positioned to retain the top cover in its first position.

9. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 1, wherein the housing is constructed from stainless steel.

10. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 1, wherein the top cover is constructed from a transparent material.

Please add new Claims 11-20.

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11. (New) An access opening closure device adapted to be mounted on a support structure comprising:

a housing defining a receptacle and first and second openings;

a first cover movably supported on the housing, the first cover being movable from a first position covering the first opening of the housing to a second position uncovering the first opening of the housing;

an access door movably supported on the housing, the access door being movable from a first position covering the second opening to a second position uncovering the second opening of the housing, the access door having a plurality of recesses formed along a surface of the access door;

an engagement member positioned adjacent the access door, the engagement member being movable into engagement with the plurality of recesses to lock the access door in a plurality of different positions.

12. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, further including a bracket assembly secured to the housing, the bracket assembly being configured to mount the rear opening of the housing about an access opening in a door.

13. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 12, wherein the bracket assembly includes a top, a bottom and a side bracket, each of the brackets being positioned about the rear opening of the housing.

14. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 13, wherein the top and bottom brackets each include a concavity formed therein, the concavities together defining a guide track, the access door being slidably supported for movement between its first and second positions on the guide track.

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15. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 14, wherein the side bracket has a slot formed therein adjacent one end of the guide track, the slot being positioned to permit removal of debris positioned on the guide track when the access door is moved from the open position to the closed position.

16. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 14, wherein the top cover is pivotably secured to the housing.

17. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 14, wherein the top cover is slidably supported on the housing.

18. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, further including a first lock, the first lock being positioned to retain the top cover in its first position.

19. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, wherein the housing is constructed from stainless steel.

20. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, wherein the top cover is constructed from a transparent material.

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